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## **Belgium-Luxembourg**

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

Forty-Six BSE Cases Identified in 2001 - Sixteen New

Cases Since January 1, 2002

2002

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## **Report Highlights:**

A total of forty-six cases of BSE have been confirmed in Belgium in 2001. Sixteen new cases identified since January 1, 2002.

A total of forty-six cases of BSE have been diagnosed in Belgium in 2001. Sixteen new cases of BSE have been found so far this year which makes a total of eighty-one cases since 1997.

Of the 46 cases detected in 2001, 10 have been detected by observation on farms or in slaughterhouses. One has been found through tests made on the remaining herd from a farm where one bovine was found to be BSE positive, 7 cases were diagnosed on dead animals tested at the disposal plant and the 28 other cases were detected through the EU mandatory testing program performed at slaughterhouses on 346,260 animals.

Of the 16 cases detected so far in 2002, 11 cases were diagnosed on dead animals tested at the disposal plant and the 5 other cases were detected through the EU mandatory testing program performed at slaughterhouses.